

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Welcome Peter Voice as Marine Invertebrates Associate editor. It has been a while since we had a column from Ian Hunter, our previous Associate editor. Although Peter is a relatively recent member of the Biology Unit, he has been active in submitting articles to *Biophilately*. You will recognize his recent articles on the Bakony fossils of Hungary and on fossil amphibians. There is more to come as he has submitted more articles that we will publish soon. Peter is on the faculty of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, in the Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences. He also works for the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education where he is Director of the K-12 Earth Science Outreach Program. It sounds like he is a busy man. We appreciate his taking on this additional duty.

In July the Minnesota Stamp Expo was the first World Series of Philately show to go live since the beginning of the pandemic. I had been invited to judge the 2020 show, but when it was canceled, the same jury was asked to come back for the 2021 show. The organizers were able to get 31 exhibits to fill the minimum 125 frames. With COVID rampant once again, we may see that some of the shows now scheduled will have to cancel. I hope that does not happen, but everything seems to be in flux, even though most of the attendees at the shows do seem to be vaccinated. All of the people at the shows both in Minnesota and in Chicago were excited to be there after more than a year without the opportunity to share the hobby with other collectors.

On page 185 you will find the second part of Paul Mistretta's article on illegitimate stamp issues. He raises important points which all of us should probably consider, both the collectors of these issues and our editors who list them in these pages. Many of the new listings that we have been publishing recently are entirely or substantially issues that do not have catalog recognition. That is not to say that they will never be cataloged. Many of them eventually are. So please let us know whether you find these listings useful. As editors, do we continue listing them? If so, why? If not, why not? Should we wait for them to appear in the catalog before we list them?

The final installment of Roger Cichorz's Bonsai checklist appears in this issue. I hope that it will inspire some new Bonsai collectors. I am pleased to announce that I have received a number of articles for publication. I try to offer a variety of topics in each issue. Many of the articles I have on hand are of botanical subjects, so some of those will have to wait until I have space for them.

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